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OFFICE OF COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

SECURITY BRANCH

17 June 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, C & D

Subject: Report to the NIA

Reference: Director's Memorandum of 12 June 1947, subject as above.

1. The Security Branch has been housed with and operating under the Office of Collection and Dissemination since the reorganization of last November, in the thought that it would ultimately be activated as the "Office of Security" whose functions are outlined in the organizational chart of 22 November 1946. Its functions as a branch of OOD have been largely of an advisory and, to a lesser extent, supervisory character. It is anticipated that on or about July 1 reorganization will activate the Security Branch as a staff element under the Executive Director.

2. From 1 January 1947 through 15 June the Security Branch has completed 54 special studies and reports.

3. There are no outstanding problems believed by the Security Branch to be susceptible of discussion by the Director in his forthcoming meeting with the NIA. He may wish to keep in mind however the fact that at least two important questions have been submitted during the past year for possible consideration by the NIA: (a) the role of the CIC in the central direction, coordination and supervision of U. S. Government foreign counter intelligence activities (this question has been studiously avoided in prior NIA meetings and should not be brought up at this time) and (b) coordinated censorship planning to provide a coordinated overall plan for a national censorship program to be used in the event of war or comparable emergency (this matter has been up for consideration for some months and as is the case with (a) above should not be mentioned before the NIA unless it is specifically raised by one of the NIA members).

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